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Subject: PCB exposure at Juan Cabrillo Elementary - Special Needs Children.

To the SMMUSD Board and the USEPA Region IX:

I write with reference to the letter from Sandra Cano (RN, WN) sent on January 15th, 2015 warning parents in the SMMUSD about the measles outbreak. I want to draw you attention to the part in that email where Nurse Sandra refers to the additional risk that children with auto immune issue face. Sandra states: "There are several students in the District that are "immune deficient" due to medical conditions. Exposure to un-immunized children exposes a risk to these students who's immune systems are unable to protect them. The more district and community members who are immunized, the safer the environment will be for these fragile students." The purpose of this email is not to address the vaccination debate - but rather to once again raise concern about PCB exposure in our schools.

So - we have written confirmation that Juan Cabrillo and other schools in our district have children with auto immune deficiencies. We know they are "fragile" and are at a higher risk than healthy children. And we know that there is a LOT of scientific (published) data supporting that PCBS are *particularly* harmful to those with auto immune deficiencies and those that are pregnant.

Room 22 at Juan Cabrillo (inbetween the art and science rooms) is one of the Special Ed Rooms. Children with severe disabilities and health challenges spend parts of their day in that room. Some of these children are so ill that they are strapped to their wheel chairs. They are voiceless in this fight ... and helpless. Room 22 tested **HIGHER** in air testing for PCBS *after* cleaning was done (see SMMUSD document dd 5 September 2014 - attached). This testing level is in direct violation of Federal Law and EPA's *own* recommendation that children between the ages of 3 - 6 should not occupy classrooms with air levels in excess of 100 ng/m3. Is there a special number for young children with compromised immune systems or pregnant women or kids with special health issues? How many hours per day are the special ed children in that room? We know from the 2014 SARC review document that 11% of the children at Juan Cabrillo have disabilities.

My questions are:

1. Have you informed the parents of these children that they are being put at great risk by the school Principal - acting under the direct orders of the School Superintendent and Board... who in turn are allegedly acting on the advice of District 9 of the USEPA? Are these parents allowed to *choose* whether or not they send their children into toxic classrooms? You have these children's IEP's ... you know their specific health challenges. Are you

ALL (names copied on this email and listed below) willing to once again go on record and deny that PCBS are toxic???? Are you really willing to put these children at such great risk??

2. OR, like you are doing to my 6 year old - will you suspend them from campus every time their parents refuse to allow them to enter building F at Juan Cabrillo and begin truancy proceedings against them?

3. In correspondce between Steve Armann and Malibu Unites on 11 December 2014 - Mr Armann confirms that the USEPA has directed the District to remove any caulking with PCB concentrations in excess of 50ppm - whether the tests were done independently or by outside sources. The EPA doesn't appear to doubt the validity of the tests as you can see from this email. If you doubt the authenticity of the testing - why not prove there are not PCBS over 50ppm yourselves? Or, let us parents pay for source testing in the schools. As a community we will raise the money to pay for it. Although - alarmingly - money doesn't seem to be an object for the SMMUSD as you've already spent nearly \$4m not solving this problem.

4. Are you washing and wiping down the special needs children after they have spent hours in that toxic classroom? Some of them cannot do this for themselves. And on that point - I know for a fact that the Kindergarten and First Graders are NOT told to wash their hands after attending Computer, Science and Art (all currently held in Building F at Juan Cabrillo where each room has significantly exceeded 50ppm up to 340,000 ppm). We also know that there are PCBS in the air, the soil directly adjacent to this building and in the wipe test - and we know the source! Every exposure pathway is there: inhalation of PCBS in the air, ingestion of dust and direct contact with the caulk or dust! These are 4, 5 and 6 years old we are talking about. They will not willingly wash their hands after class without assistance and continuous prompting. Since this is part of your so called Best Management Practices - why is nothing being done about this?

I urge you to examine your consciences and remediate our schools!

Please confirm receipt of this email. I will be sending a hard copy, with supporting documents by Fedex today. I tried to send them with this email but your servers kept rejecting the email.

With thanks and regards,

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